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PARTY LIKE AN ANIMAL AT ZOOBOP, PRESENTED BY CHASE!

-- Tickets on sale now! --

BALTIMORE, MD – Hop like a frog, swing like monkey and prance like a gazelle at the family-friendly ZooBop concert event at The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore on Saturday, September 4 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Geared toward the young cubs in your life, families can dance, sing and enjoy live-performances by Baltimore's own Baby Beats with Max and Root, and Grammy-nominated Milkshake. There will also be arts and crafts, Animal Ambassadors, food trucks, and Zoo educators who will showcase fun conservation activities!

At 10:30, Baby Beats with Max and Root will perform a live music and movement program for the kids. Max Bent and Jamaal "Black Root" Collier are both human beat-boxers trained in the field of arts integration. After participating in training for early education offered by Wolf Trap, Max and Root began applying their musical abilities to writing content geared towards the curious and active minds of the younger crowd. Baby Beats! was born at Remington's Single Carrot Theatre in Baltimore.

At Noon, Bop 'til you drop with Milkshake! Milkshake is a band on a mission: to create great rock music for kids. Led by singer Lisa Mathews and guitarist Mikel Gehl, whose songs for grown-ups have been featured in movies and prime-time television, and whose indie rock group <u>Love Riot</u> garnered critical praise during its 10-year run, Milkshake has won over preschoolers without compromising songcraft, stagecraft or their authentic rock & roll spirit. Their 2009 album "Great Day" received a Grammy nomination for "Best Musical Recording for Children".

There will also be additional performances by local children's book author, musician, and puppeteer Kevin Sherry and the Baltimore Gamer Symphony Orchestra, which will perform orchestral arrangements of video game music.

ZooBop tickets range in price from \$12 for members to \$34 for non-members. Children under 2 are always free. All tickets include admission to the Zoo on show day, kid-friendly activities and vendors. Tickets are on sale now at www.marylandzoo.org.

About The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

Founded in 1876, The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is the third oldest zoo in the United States and is internationally known for its contributions in conservation and research. More than 1,500 animals are represented in the Zoo's varied natural habitat exhibits in areas such as the award-winning Penguin Coast, Polar Bear Watch, the Maryland Wilderness, African Journey and the Children's Zoo. Situated in Druid Hill Park near downtown Baltimore, the Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. For more information, visit <u>www.marylandzoo.org</u>.